

REMARKS

Claims 2-12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-30, and 32-38 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, new claims 39-45 have been added. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 2-12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-30, and 32-45 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 2-7, 9-12, 15-17, 19-22, 24-30, and 32-38 as being allegedly anticipated by McTuffin (U.S. Patent No. 5,046,550). Applicants respectfully respond to this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that McTuffin does not disclose “formatting information to be transmitted in accordance with a pre-determined data format.” As claimed in all independent claims. The claimed formatting of the information includes more than removing the header fields from the information. For example, as disclosed on page 7, line 31 to page 8, line 10, the formatting of the information may include formatting the information into one or more vocoder-like frames, which may be of 20 milliseconds in duration. New claims 39-45 are directed to this specific type of formatting.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that McTuffin does not disclose “formatted information is transmitted after an acknowledgement has been received from said receiving station.” Contrary to the Examiner’s assertion that establishing connection suggests an “inherent acknowledgement,” the claimed limitation conditions transmission of the information upon receiving an explicit acknowledgement from the receiving station. Col. 3, lines 2021 does not disclose or even suggest this limitation.

Therefore, since McTuffin does not disclose all claimed limitation, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claim 8 as being allegedly unpatentable over McTuffin (U.S. Patent No. 5,046,550). Applicants respectfully respond to this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that McTuffin does not disclose the claimed invention as discussed above in connection with Claim 5. Therefore, since MCTuffin does

not disclose at least the above limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

3. New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 39-45, directed to subject matter disclosed in the specification, page 7, line 31 to page 8, line 10. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

Please charge any fees or overpayments that may be due with this response to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

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